

# GetFileNameFromBrowse

Return buffer length should be MAX\_PATH length

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## Part "Original Digital Coding Rule in XML"

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<b>Attack Category</b>	• Malicious Input									
<b>Vulnerability Category</b>	• Buffer Overflow • Input source (not really attack) • Unconditional									
<b>Software Context</b>	• Shell Functions									
<b>Location</b>	• shlobj.h									
<b>Description</b>	<p>The destination string buffer for GetFileNameFromBrowse() must be long enough to hold the return file path and the returned file path must be validated before use.</p> <p>The GetFileNameFromBrowse() function creates an Open dialog box that lets the user specify the drive, directory, and name of a file to open. The destination string buffer must be long enough to hold the return file path and the returned file path must be validated before use.</p> <p>There is no way to predict the size of the returned filename, so the buffer should be at least MAX_PATH length.</p>									
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<b>Exception Criteria</b>										
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1. <http://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov/bsi-rules/35-BSI.html> (Barnum, Sean)

	<p>characters in length to ensure that it is large enough to hold the returned string. Otherwise, a buffer overflow can occur.</p> <p>Actually, the documentation does not specify the maximum size for pszFilePath, but we assume MAX_PATH as it is the maximum length of a file path in Windows.</p> <p>Also, the value of pszFilePath returned by this function is the file name specified by the user in the Open dialog, so the value of this file path must be validated before use.</p>
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<b>Signature Details</b>	( HWND hwnd, LPWSTR pszFilePath, UINT cchFilePath, LPCWSTR pszWorkingDir, LPCWSTR pszDefExt, LPCWSTR pszFilters, LPCWSTR szTitle );
<b>Examples of Incorrect Code</b>	<pre>TCHAR pszFilePath[15]; // Buffer too small  [...] // Define and populate other parameters BOOL result = GetFileNameFromBrowse( hwnd, pszFilePath,</pre>

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cchFilePath,
pszWorkingDir,
pszDefExt,
pszFilters,
szTitle
);

```

#### **Examples of Corrected Code**

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TCHAR pszFilePath[MAX_PATH]; //  
Buffer correctly sized  
  
[...] // Define and populate other  
parameters  
BOOL result =  
GetFileNameFromBrowse(  
hwnd,  
pszFilePath,  
cchFilePath,  
pszWorkingDir,  
pszDefExt,  
pszFilters,  
szTitle  
);

```

#### **Source Reference**

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/shellcc/platform/shell/reference/functions/getfilenamefrombrowse.asp><sup>2</sup>

#### **Recommended Resource**

MSDN reference for GetFileNameFromBrowse<sup>3</sup>

#### **Discriminant Set**

<b>Operating System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C</li> <li>• C++</li> </ul>

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